

# Nield's Notes

Dear Class of 2030 - WVU School of Medicine:

Congratulations on becoming a Mountaineer medical student!

This is the first of several of my newsletters, known as “Nield’s Notes,” that you will receive throughout the next eight months to guide you in the completion of your pre-matriculation requirements.

**VERY IMPORTANT TASK:** It is crucial that you read every correspondence in its entirety sent to you from our Admissions Office. Get in the habit of checking your WVU MIX email account daily and adhering to all deadlines, as professionalism is a huge part of being a physician.

## Items that require your attention NOW:

1. Complete your signed Functional Technical Standards and Policy on Rescinding an MD Acceptance Offer forms.
2. Pay your deposit to secure your seat in the Class of 2030.
3. Gather your health records, especially your immunization history.
  - Consider getting your **Hepatitis B Titer** drawn today. Despite being fully vaccinated, a large number of our accepted students have a negative Hepatitis B Titer and then must repeat the Hepatitis B vaccine series. For affordable lab options, look for a Direct Access Testing Lab near you.
  - **COVID-19 vaccination is no longer required, but it is highly recommended. This policy is open to change, depending on public health mandates.**

**Timely completion of your health form is mandatory! Your health packet is now available on the [accepted students web page](#).**

## VERY IMPORTANT DATES:

Our Commit to Enroll date for regular applicants is **May 31, 2026**; and **May 1, 2026**, for MD/PhD. If you already know that you will not be attending WVU, please withdraw now via an email to [medadmissions@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:medadmissions@hsc.wvu.edu) so your seat can be filled by a waitlisted applicant.

## **HELPFUL SOCIAL MEDIA SITES:**

- Facebook page: [E-Pylons WVU Medical Students](#)
- Instagram: [instapylons\\_wvumedstudents](#)

## **SPECIALTY TRACK INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS:**

Are you interested in one or more of our specialty tracks: Culinary and Lifestyle Medicine, Global Health, and Rural? Be sure to view information at their online links and apply when applications open. (MATTER applications are not open until Fall 2027 for your class).

## **HOLD OFF ON PURCHASING THAT LAPTOP!**

Our laptop program requires every student to purchase a MacBook Air through the WVU SoM in July. This MacBook has pre-loaded software for medical school. More information will be on “The Doctor Is In” onboarding site, which opens in April.

## **ATTEND A FIRST-YEAR LECTURE:**

You are invited to attend a lecture on “Applied Neuroradiology” on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. ET. The lecture will be held in-person at the Health Science Center. Please email [Chrissi Baker](#) by February 1, 2026, if you plan to attend.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Second Look Event on April 11, 2026**

Enjoy the upcoming holiday!

Most Sincerely,

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